

with a kind of careless superiority, would gradually lose much of that slavish awe of them, which is one of the chief obstacles to their improvement. A general desire would be felt for a better form of government, and an education which might raise them to an equality with the visitors. They would naturally apply to them for some light on the subject, and would receive from them many hints of great importance. For the observation which we made before will apply here with much greater force, that however weak and licentious many of these foreigners may be, they would still be, in every respect, far superior to the barbarians around them.

Capt. Varney, of the Thomas Perkins, brings us files of papers up to June 17th, and from which we extract largely.

Queen Victoria is reported to be in a delicate situation."

The remains of Napoleon are about being conveyed from St. Helena to Paris. All France is wild on this occasion with enthusiastic excitement. The Prince De Joinville is to have command of the Frigate which will be employed to convey the remains to France.

A very spirited meeting, at which Earl Stanhope presided, took place in London, April 24th—in which resolutions deprecating the war with China were adopted. Both the English and American prints unite in loudly condemning the acts which have led to this result, and predict that a contest with the Chinese will by no means prove a light affair. For an exceedingly interesting article upon this subject, see the London Quarterly Review, for May.

Gen. Morazan, in Central America, has been completely defeated, and Gen. Carrera will succeed him as President. Gen. Santa Cruz was again Dictator of Bolivia, and has declared war against Peru.

Business remains dull, and goods of every description are exceedingly low.

Fire.—On Saturday night last a thatched house was destroyed by fire on the upper street.

By the Julia from Sydney, we learn that two French frigates with an emigrant ship had arrived at the Bay of Islands, New Zealand. Gov. Hobson had called upon the Commodore, who refused to recognise his authority—which circumstance would probably lead to a difficulty, as the French like the English claim large tracts of land by right of purchase from the natives.

Having received sufficient encouragement of late to defray the expenses of printing and publishing the paper, we shall continue it for one year. We are conscious of its many defects, but they are mostly of such a nature that only the incurrence of increased expense can obviate, and that can only be met by an enlarged subscription.

Typographical errors cannot altogether be avoided, as much of the type-setting is done by natives who are unacquainted with the English language. We must beg the aid and indulgence of our readers for the future, while we shall make every effort to enlarge the usefulness and increase the interest of the journal.

The Annual Examination of the scholars of the Oahu Charity School, took place on the 25th. There was a full attendance of scholars and visitors, and the pupils acquitted themselves much to the credit of their teachers. For an account of this excellent institution, we refer to an article in one of our late numbers, by Rev. R. Armstrong.

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's vessels, Peru and Chile, 700 tons each, will leave London for Valparaiso and Callao, via Straits of Magellan, on or about the first of June, so says the London Times, of May 6, 1840. These vessels will be soon followed by others, to form a line of packets from

Valparaiso to Panama, touching at all the intermediate ports. They carry surgeons, and have elegantly furnished accommodations. A more pleasant route for those who wish to return home, cannot be presented than the above, proceeding from here to Tahiti, thence to Valparaiso.

Antarctic Voyage.—A voyage of discovery to the Antarctic will leave our shores in June.—This new expedition, which will consist of two vessels, to be placed under the command of an officer in the navy, will be equipped at the sole expense of several British merchants. We need not add that we wish it all the success that so spirited an undertaking so signally merits. — *London paper.*

Valparaiso, March 23, 1840.

I take the liberty to inform you of a dangerous shoal discovered by Captain Coffin, of the whale ship Benjamin Rush of Warren. R. I. on the 11th July, 1839.

Coffin Shoal by good observation, was discovered in lat 10 26 S. long 176 35 30 W. soundings were had in 7 fathom and coral rocks were soon a quarter of a mile from the ship, even with the water's edge. It appeared to extend in length north and south 15 miles, and in breadth east and west about 3 miles, with the appearance of many dangers even with the water's edge.

The above reef is not to be found in book or chart.—Philadelphia Ex. Book.

It is with heart-felt satisfaction we find that the delicate and difficult question of our Northeastern Boundary, is, in all probability, adjusted. It appears, that the award of the King of the Netherlands, which made the river St. John's the boundary between the two countries, is to be the basis of the new arrangement, and that as an indemnity to Maine for any supposed rights she may possess to land north of the St. John's, the British Government is to pay her £200,000, or about a million of dollars.

N. Y. Journal of Com. May 21, 1840.

DIED on the night of the 12th of June, at New York, in the 70th year of his age, Daniel Wheeler, a minister of the Society of Friends, formerly of Yorkshire, England, and late of St. Petersburg, Russia.

For the Polynesian.

Mr. Editor,—Sorry you were not present at Picnic given on 12th inst., at Mrs. Hannah Holmes's country seat by the Officers of the Exploring Squadron. Splendid affair. Room converted into a beautiful pavilion, decorated with flags of all nations—arrangement highly creditable to the taste of the Managers. Two long tables set out in a manner that might excite envy in a Apicius. Profusion of every luxury the Islands afford. Luaued dog included, (numbers by the way, went the whole hog upon this national dish.) Company assembled about 5, P. M. Tents erected outside house for accommodation of ladies—quite tasteful—looked like a country muster in New England—benches—booths, &c., &c. 'Glasses sparkle on the board,' &c. Ladies and gentlemen promenading—quest of privacy—shadowy trees—purling stream and all that—quite rural—several little flirtations going on—(strange, people will intrude on such occasions)—all stopped by summons to table. Several unexpected changes of partners about this time—some ladies rather ungallantly cut—some gentlemen looking rather as if. Glad of it—hate monopolies—sat down about 200. "Beautiful is it not?" "Delightful"—"nothing like this in Honolulu before," &c., from the ladies—gentlemen assent of course. Coup d'oeil when all were seated really fine. Beauty, fashion, and all that. Pity the bachelors—heads of some married men a little turned. Saw Gov. Kekuanaoa and Haalilio—official dignity giving way to satisfaction. Lots of sentiments—Capt. Hudson rapped bachelors rather hard—insinuated that ladies were imbued with revolutionary spirit—(wonder what he meant?) Reports flying in all directions about this time—number of challenges resulting from them.—General hilarity—bursts of enthusiasm, and so on. Baked dog—thought delicious by some—Governor suspicious of its being pig in disguise—no mistake though—after dinner promenade again more private—moon not up yet—bad plan leaving benches under trees—people will fall over them—after dinner music recalled the promenaders about 8 o'clock—waltzing, cotillions, reels, etc.—heard some one speak of the ladies "wipping

it on the light fantastic toe"—thought it the most original remark of the evening—dancing kept up with great spirit for a couple of hours—native mats not calculated to call out the "poetry of motion." General rush about ten to witness the ascension of a Montgolfier Balloon—intense excitement—spirits rapidly evaporating—found that ventilators were no improvement in the construction of balloons. Spirits of the projector rising in proportion to demand—no go—and now a bubble burst—balloon vanished in a blaze of glory—practical illustrations of "words that burn." Eloquent address from the projector—evident that he went up though his machine broke down—hurrah! well done Doctor! and so forth—Dancing again—music—mirth and wine—several songs by amateurs—professional singers all indisposed—Hornpipes by several gentlemen—great applause—all eclipsed however by one of the Tars of the Vincennes—showed that some folks could do some things as well as some other folks—James Crow, Esq., jumped with his usual grace—Dancing till midnight—ladies retired amid general regret—supper—more songs—walk outside—servants and natives—discovered that a Hawaiian can eat something besides fish and poi—High life below stairs—ride home with ladies—philosophize—return—gentlemen waltzing together—turncoats making their appearance—wreck of matter approaching—break up about 1, A. M., with unbounded expressions of mutual good will—Owen's system in favor—community of property having many advocates—hats, caps, and coats outside of new owners—owners outside of other people's horses—ride home by moonlight very pleasant—so cool. Friday morning—Jews seen by several persons—masquerading probably—more heads turned—various definitions of Pic-nic—all agree that it was the most delightful affair in the world—long to be remembered—never to be forgotten—and all that sort of thing. Scribbled these notes in great haste—no time to fill outline—ought to have been there yourself—sorry I can't make it

JINGLE.

For the Polynesian.

To J. P. C.

Your parting lines, no doubt were sweet,
"To her, for whom?" they all "were meant;"
But think how sad, we must have felt,
For whom, alas! they were not "meant."

Such clusters rare, quite out of reach;
To envious eyes, could not seem sweet.
Oh why, expose to public view,
What's meant for one, pray tell me true.

Were they too pretty, did you think?
To lie concealed in some dark chink,
Like flowers, which bloom in some wild dell;
And of whose beauties, none can tell.

No danger, sure, of such a fate;
They ne'er would die unknown;
To woman's vanity, leave that;
And not expose your own.

XANTHIPPE.

Our readers will be somewhat surprised to find Xanthippe among the muses, but poetical favors are so rarely received, that we are grateful even for the smallest. We insert the above (though we must confess its merits are beyond our ken) with the hope that those who are more intimate with the nine sisters, will fully appreciate its mystic charms. For ourselves we cry quarter, and leave J. P. C. and Xanthippe to make as comfortable a match as they choose.

A CARD.

The undersigned desires to offer the sincere acknowledgements of a grateful heart to the members of this Foreign community, and the Commander and Officers of the Exploring Expedition—and to the Masters of vessels in port, for the repeated and unexpected acts of substantial kindness which, during the past few weeks, they have poured in upon himself and upon his family. It is all he has to offer;—it is all that is necessary to offer, though before leaving this chosen field of his labors, from which the Providence of God is about to remove him, and before breaking up the attachments and associations of friendship which have rendered this place a "Home" to him indeed, he must be allowed to express the fervent wish and prayer, that He, whose promise it is, "That they who water others, shall themselves also be watered," may confer upon them blessings abundantly, in all the private and public relations of life, and crown all with those which are eternal, and, therefore, "far better."

JOHN DIELL.

Honolulu, Nov. 24, 1840.

DIED, on the 30th Nov., Wahinemaikai, wife of Capt. Kapihi, foster brother of His Majesty Kamehameha III., aged 25 years.

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

ARRIVED.

Nov. 20, Br. Brig Julia, Campbell, from Sydney, via Tahiti.

" 23, Am. Brig Thomas Perkins, Varney, 151 days from New York.

SAILED.

" 20, Bark Elizabeth, Coan, to cruise.

" 23, Ship Ohio, Coffin, for home.

" 26, Ship Hero, Joy, for home.

Sept. 3, Bark Flora, Spring, hence, arrived at Tahiti. All well.

The person who has taken from the the Store of Mr. Greenway, a Folio Volume of Plates belonging to La Perouse's Voyage, will oblige the owner by leaving it at the Office of the American Consul without delay.

Nov. 26, 1840.

SUGAR MILLS

With Wooden Rollers, for sale at a low price, by

LADD & Co.

Honolulu, Nov. 28.

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NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the estate of JOHN WILLIAMS, late of Waimea, Kauai, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment; and all persons who have claims upon the estate of said Williams, are likewise requested to present the same for adjustment at this place.

SAMUEL WHITNEY, Exec.

Waimea, Kauai, Nov. 6, 1840. 6w.

To Sell or Let.

The Dwelling House and Premises, owned by Mr. E. SULLIVAN, and pleasantly situated next to those of the Rev. John Diell, in a retired part of the town. Attached to them is a stable, good adobe cook-house, two grass houses, an excellent well of water, &c. All in good repair. Possession given immediately.

For terms apply to the owner.

E. SULLIVAN.

Honolulu, Nov. 28, 1840.

NOTICE.

B. & H. JACKSON, Black-Smiths, have taken a Shop on the premises of Messrs. E. & H. Grimes, where they intend carrying on Blacksmithing in all its branches, and hope by strict attention to their business, to receive a share of public patronage.

B. & H. JACKSON.

Honolulu, Oct. 31, 1840.

6w.

For Valparaiso and Tahiti.

The Bark DON QUIXOTE, J. PATY, Master, will sail for the above Ports soon (after making one trip to the Windward Islands) for freight or passage please apply to HENRY PATY & Co.

November 19, 1840.

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B. PITMAN & SON,

Have for sale,

25 boxes Souchong Tea.
20 boxes Hyson Tea.
10 boxes Hyson Skin.
15 doz. Raspberry Wine.
12 " Stoughton's Elixer.
10 " Lemon Syrup.
10 " assorted Pickles.
5 M. ft. Koa Lumber.
25 M. Koa Shingles.

September 12, 1840.

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